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Eastern Hosting MADD Power Camp

Willimantic, CT— Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is wrapping up a “Power Camp” at Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) aimed at providing youth leaders from Connecticut the skills necessary to effectively discourage underage drinking. The camp, which began on Monday, July 13, ends Friday, July 16. More than 150 young people from across the state are participating in the camp.

High school and college youth leaders comprise the staff at the camp. Adult advisors work with the staff to develop a project regarding underage drinking or drunk driving that the young people will implement in their communities during the upcoming school year.

Several speakers will also address the students. They include: Lisa Clinton, MADD youth services coordinator; Gary Najarian project director for the CT Coalition to Stop Underage Drinking; Amy Logan, community coordinator for the CT Coalition to Stop Underage Drinking; John Morello, who presents a one man theatrical presentation about substance abuse and choices; Andy Thibodeau on how to make care

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contagious; Sergeant Rick Siena of the Middletown Police Department on the current zero tolerance and DUI laws; Kenneth Matthewson, whose daughter was killed by a drunk driver; Marla Prete, former Miss Connecticut, and three of the Power Camp staffers - Lou Somma and Jason Acunzo on alcohol and the media and Brian Demers on MADD's Youth In Action Program .

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Eastern Connecticut State University is part of the Connecticut State University (CSU) system and is the state's public liberal arts university. ECSU serves more than 5,000 students each year on its Willimantic campus.